

# Marshall Middle School

## Weekly Update

October 23, 2023

Dear Marshall Community:

Early this week we will have an ALICE safety drill in conjunction with the Billerica Police, EMS and Fire Departments. We are fortunate to live in a community where our public safety departments are forward thinking in preparing for any event that may impact student safety. I encourage you to discuss this drill with your child. Teachers have been discussing ALICE procedures as well as other safety procedures over the past few months. Last week students reviewed the ALICE procedures during the advisory period, and we also discussed the drill at lunchtime. Thank you for your cooperation.

The PTO and student council will host the Halloween Dance on Friday, October 27, 2023 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Marshall Middle School. The dance is open to students in grades 6-7. Tickets are \$5 and will only be sold at the lunches. Tickets will not be sold at the door. You must be a Marshall school student to attend. This is a school event, therefore all school rules apply.

This event is limited to grades 6 and 7 only due to the number of students attending. The fifth grade will have an event "just for the fifth grade" later in the year. We encourage you to support the PTO in planning and supporting special events.

Please take a moment to review your child's academic progress via ASPEN as we are past the halfway point of the trimester, day 30, on Tuesday, October 17.

As a reminder, students must bring a fully charged Chromebook to school each day. Our learning resources require the use of the Chromebook.

Warmest Regards,

*Mr. Rossi*

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### **Weekly Notices and School Information**

#### **Marshall Yearbook Information.... We need photos!**

Please help the Yearbook Club by submitting your class photos to capture special moments! By clicking on the provided link, staff and students can upload photos they may want to use. Thank you!

[Yearbook Photo Link](#)

#### **Conferences**

- **We will have conferences in person on November 6 and November 13 from 6-8 PM.**
- To attend the conferences, **you must sign up for an appointment using PTC Wizard.**
- Visit [this link](#) for directions on how to set up an account.
  - Once you set up an account:
    - Click "Add a Meeting"
    - Select the grade level of your child
    - Select a time
- Fine Arts Ensemble staff will follow the schedule below:
  - Orchestra -- Locke on 10/25, Marshall 11/1
  - Band -- Marshall 10/25, Locke on 11/1
  - Chorus -- Locke on 10/25, Marshall 11/1

If you have any difficulty please email [abryant@billericak12.com](mailto:abryant@billericak12.com)

#### **Gym Update**

The gym floor project is making progress. The floor is almost completely removed. This week workers were in to move the bleachers so that a different group of workers could remove the flooring under the bleachers. The custodians have been cleaning the rafters and other high areas of the gym. They recovered about thirty-five birdies used for badminton, and a collection of basketballs, soccer balls, nerf balls, etc... The custodians have also been painting the gym. More updates next week.

#### **After School Activities & Study Club**

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After school activities have started for all activities. Students can still sign up, please look for the separate email from Ms. Marshall or click on the link for After School Activities on the [Marshall website](#). After school activity lists are posted in the school cafeteria for students to see what activities they are participating in. Please remind your child to check the lists in the cafeteria.

Study Club meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 1:50-3:05 pm. Late buses run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays following the [attached schedule](#). Late buses park on the side of the building - closest to the staff parking lot. **If you choose to pick up your child after activities, please come to the front of the building near the bus canopy.**

Our Fall (October - December) session dates are:

- Study Club - October 5 through December 14
- Monday Activity sessions - October 16 through December 4
- Wednesday Activity sessions - October 11 through December 6
- Thursday Activity sessions - October 5 through December 7

All after school sessions run from 1:50 pm to 3:05 pm

### **The Marshall Yearbook**

You can order your yearbook now! Please use this QR code to place your order: [Order your yearbook today!](#)

Yearbook Club would like to remind you to take some photos and upload them using the QR code. After using the QR code, you will be prompted to use your name and email. We would love to see all of the fun activities going on in our school this year!

Directions

The Yearbook Committee is looking for selfies. Please consider sharing a selfie to the yearbook team. See the notice for directions on how to upload the pictures. [Upload Selfies to Yearbook Directions](#)

### **Book Fair**

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon. We love giving our students this chance to choose their own books and at the same time add new books to our

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library and classrooms. As always – every book students buy earns rewards for our school.

Our Book Fair will take place from Oct. 20 – Oct. 24 in the school library.

Most students will come to the fair with their English classes on these days:

- Grade 5 – Fri., Oct. 20
- Grade 6 – Mon., Oct. 23
- Grade 7 – Tues., Oct. 24

Payments can be made with cash, checks made out to Marshall Middle School, Scholastic eWallet, and credit cards.

Contact our Book Fair Chairperson, Mrs. Melaugh, at [mmelaugh@billericak12.com](mailto:mmelaugh@billericak12.com) with any questions.

Happy reading!

**Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**

**OPEN HOUSE: Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm [click here](#) to view the website.**

**Shawsheen's annual fall Open House will be held on Sunday November 5th from 2-4pm.** This 2-hour open house is for anyone interested in learning about Shawsheen Valley Technical School. Prospective students, alumni, community members, co-op employers, and family & friends, are all welcome. The open house is designed to showcase the academic, career, and vocational-technical programs offered at Shawsheen. Parents and students will have the opportunity to speak with teachers, coaches, and club advisors. Self-guided building tours are encouraged, and the admissions office will be available to answer questions about becoming a Shawsheen student. In addition, various district programs will be available to showcase community program offerings (adult education, 7th grade project explore, Summer at Shawsheen, and various student services). Enjoy this opportunity to see firsthand the value of career vocational technical education.

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**PROJECT EXPLORE for BILLERICA: JAN 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 [click here](#) to be brought to our registration page.**

Project Explore is a free quality after-school program offered to 7th grade students who reside in the Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District (Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington). It is an opportunity for students to visit Shawsheen and explore 6 of the 20 vocational-technical programs over a three-week period. Bus transportation is provided from each sending middle school, as well as to a bus stop near the attendees' home at the end of each day. The 2024 Project Explore season will likely feature the following programs: Autobody, Automotive, Bakery, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Culinary, Dental, Electrical, Electronics, Graphic Arts, Health Assisting, Metal Fabrication, and Plumbing. Featured programs are subject to change; students are assigned to rotate through programs at random.

**Questions: Please contact:**

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**From the School Nurse:**

Sixth Grade Parents

The State of Massachusetts requires all 6th grade students to have a physical this year. If your child has a physical dated after 9/30/22 please submit it to me as soon as possible. If your child has not had a complete physical, please make an appointment to do so and send in a copy. Thank you.

Seventh Grade Parents

As noted above, all students must have a physical and updated immunizations. The two vaccines that are needed for 7th grade compliance are Menactra (Meningitis) and Tdap (Tetanus and Pertussis). The state requires both of these vaccines to be done at the start of 7th grade. There are many students that are missing these documents. If you have taken your child for a physical and they have received the vaccines, please send a copy to me. Otherwise please make an appointment for your child as soon as possible.

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Thank you,

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Marshall Middle School Nurse

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### **Peace Poster Contest**

Students are invited to participate in the Lions International Peace Poster contest! The theme is: Dare To Dream of a Future of Peace for all People posters must be created by students ages 11-13. No lettering is allowed on the posters and they are due by 10/30/23

The contest will be displayed and held in the Billerica Public Library Wednesday, 11/8/23.

Questions? Contact Maureen Gardner, (508) 873-6990, (978) 667-5608, [gardnermol.mg@gmail.com](mailto:gardnermol.mg@gmail.com) Billerica Lion Chairperson of Peace Poster Contest Please see the link for all important details for contest submissions: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster> Posters can be turned into the office by 10/30/23 Good Luck!

## **Week of... October 23rd to 27th, 2023**

### **Monday, October 23, 2023** **B-Day**

- Book Fair - in the school library
- Study Club and After School Activities
- Late Bus

### **Tuesday, October 24, 2023** **C-Day**

- Book Fair - in the school library
- STARBASE Room S11
- Cross Country Meet - Mystic Valley

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### **Wednesday, October 25, 2023**      **D-Day**

- Book Fair - in the school library - OPEN Before School
- Conferences 6-8 pm
- STARBASE Room S09
- Study Club and After School Activities
- Late Bus

### **Thursday, October 26, 2023**      **A-Day**

- Study Club and After School Activities
- Late Bus

### **Friday, October 27, 2023**      **B-Day**

- School Dance Grades 6 & 7 (6:30-8:30 pm)

## **Middle School Lunch Menu**

### **Monday:**

Chicken Broccoli Ziti, Pasta with Butter or Sauce with Meatballs, Hot Dogs, Deli, Pizza

### **Tuesday:**

Chicken Potato Bowl, Chicken Patty, Nachos, Pizza

### **Wednesday:**

Orange Chicken over Rice, Walden Farm Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Deli, Pizza

### **Thursday:**

Chicken Potato Bowl, Chicken Tenders, Nachos, Pizza

### **Friday:**

Pasta with Meatballs, Walden Farm Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Deli, Pizza

**All breakfast and lunches are free to all students again this year.**

Students have a 4-digit pin code that they will need to use in order to receive a meal at breakfast or lunch.

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**Have a great week!**

***“Be the best version of yourself!”***

Visit us at: <https://www.billericak12.com/schools/marshall-middle-school>

View your child's schedule, attendance, grades, etc...:

**<https://ma-billerica.myfollett.com>**

Issues, problems with the Student Portal, please contact: Mr. Hagan or Mr. Del Raso  
[chagan@billericak12.com](mailto:chagan@billericak12.com) (A-K) or [mdelraso@billericak12.com](mailto:mdelraso@billericak12.com) (L-Z)

If you have issues with the Family Portal: parents email **[portalhelp@billericak12.com](mailto:portalhelp@billericak12.com)**

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